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In re application of

Walter Dudovicz

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Group Art Unit: 3723

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Title: POLISHING SILICON WAFERS

Examiner: G. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is to the Official Action issued July 14, 2004. The Examiner has set forth a three-month period for response. A petition and authorization for a one-month extension of time are attached, making this response due on or before November 14, 2004. Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

The claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks appear on page 5 of this paper.

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Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ibrahim (U.S. Patent No. 4,396,657) in view of Benedict et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,406,577) and Kimura et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,753,838). This rejection has been obviated by the above amendments where the allowable subject matter has been incorporated into the independent claims. Thus, the claims as now presented are allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 2, 3, 8, 9 and 21 have been found to be allowable.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his or her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	13 minus 20 = *	✓
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 = *	✓
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* 17 Minus ** 20 =	
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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	Independent	* Minus *** =	
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OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	770

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
X43=		OR	X86=	88
+145=		OR	+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=	
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